

NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st December, 1973.

Public Health Department,  
The Grange,  
Southover,  
LEWES, Sussex.

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To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Port Health Report for Newhaven for the year 1973 which will be my fourteenth Report and the last that I shall write for the Newhaven Port Health Authority as it exists now. The Reorganisation of Local Government which makes the Newhaven Urban District Council part of the Lewes District Council and the reorganisation of the Health Services make for marked changes from 1st April, 1974. From that date, the Port Medical Officer will cease to have executive authority and will cease to have executive authority and will lose his identity like other Medical Officers of Health. The Authority will rely in future for medical advice upon a named proper officer who will be either the District Community Physician or a Specialist in Community Medicine employed by the Area Health Authority. The Port Health Authority will be required to make their staff and offices available to this 'proper officer' so that regular medical advice can be given and contact maintained. The Chief Port Health Inspector will assume executive responsibility for a major part of the Port Health work and it is hoped that the very good relationships which have existed in the past will continue in the future despite the changing roles.

The year under review saw a tendency to stabilise the developments that have taken place steadily during recent years. The growth of traffic on the cross-channel ferry service continued but the main growth in imports (apart from sand-ballast) was the greatly increased use of Newhaven as a port for handling bulk port, sherry and wines. A total of 284 ships arrived at Fisher and Duforest's berths on the East Quay during the year compared with 288 in 1972.

The container traffic using the cross-channel ferries continued to increase in numbers during the year. The importation of meat and meat products increased slightly from 294 containers in 1972 to 301. Full details of these and the other inspections of 'roll-on - roll-off' freight are to be found in this report. The new facilities at the freight terminal referred to in last year's report have enabled the work of the Port Inspectors to be maintained at a high standard.

Imports in 1973 amounted to 961,475 tons (836,994 tons in 1972). This increase was largely accounted for by the increased tonnage of sand ballast which was landed (533,643 tons) compared with 383,803 tons in 1972). The import of fruit and vegetables increased from 187,434 tons to 196,396 tons. Other main imports included timber, road motor vehicles, beverages (wines, sherry, port etc.), machinery and other manufactured articles. Details of exports are contained in this report.

The Immigration Act, 1971 operative from the 1st January, 1973, replaces all previous legislation governing the immigration of both Aliens and Commonwealth Citizens. Both groups are now subject to identical controls. Entry into the European Economic Community has led to a large number of immigrants who were previously subjected to medical inspection no longer being referred for examination since E.E.C. Nationals are not normally questioned. The number of Aliens examined fell from 250 in 1972 to 60 in 1973.

The Car Ferry and Passenger service between Newhaven and Dieppe operated from 1st January to 31st December with the peak arrivals and departures (12 per day) lasting from June to September. During the year the total number of inward passengers which arrived at the Port was 301,796 (286,255 in 1972) whilst outward passengers numbered 290,858 (273,974 in 1972). A total of 97,897 Aliens arrived during 1973 compared with 90,019 in 1972 and of these 58 were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer and 60 were subjected to detailed medical inspection, of whom four Aliens were refused permission to land on medical grounds. In addition, 5,699 Commonwealth Citizens arrived during the year and of these 23 were refused permission to land. Two Commonwealth Citizens were subjected to a detailed inspection, neither of whom was refused landing permission on medical grounds.

No case of infectious disease occurred on vessels arriving during the year.

I should like to pay tribute to Mr. Gibbs, the Chief Public Health Inspector and to Mr. Barton, Deputy Public Health Inspector for all they have done during the year to ensure the smooth running of the Port Health Service.

I have to thank all the doctors who helped in the medical inspection of Immigrants for their valuable assistance throughout the year. My thanks are also due to H.M. Customs and to H.M. Immigration Service for their continued assistance and co-operation. I am also most grateful for the help given by the staff of British Rail and by all other departments, firms and individuals associated with the work of the Port Health Service.

Finally, I wish to tender my thanks to you not only for the help and encouragement which I have received from you during the year under review but also for the many kindnesses I have received from the Port Health Authority over the years.

Yours obediently,

J. L. COTTON,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer  
Medical Inspector for purposes  
of the Immigration Act, 1971

SECTION ISTAFFTABLE A

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD
Dr. J. L. Cotton	Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens and Commonwealth Citizens	1.11.1960	M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., M.F.C.M.	M.O.H. E. Sussex United Districts
Dr. R. Alexander	Deputy Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Citizens	27. 1.1957	M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. D.P.H.	General Practitioner
Dr. B. W. Barras	Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Citizens	23. 3.1970	M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.	General Practitioner
Dr. G. N. Coad	Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Citizens	11. 7.1968	M.B., B. Chir.	General Practitioner
Dr. M. H. Draisey	Medical Inspector of Aliens and Commonwealth Citizens	19. 3.1934	M.B., B.S.Lond.	General Practitioner
Mr. M. R. Gibbs	Port Health Inspector and Food Inspector	1.10.1968	Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.J.B. Cert.R.S.I. Meat and Foods M.R.S.H.	Chief Public Health Inspector Newhaven U.D.C.
Mr. P. A. Barton	Deputy Port Health and Food Inspector	10. 4.1972	Dip. of the P.H.I.S. Education Board	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector Newhaven U.D.
Mrs. R. Avery	Part-time Clerk/ Typist in Port Health Department	14. 5.1973	-	Clerk/ Typist Public Health Department

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD
Mrs. A. E. Brown	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens and Commonwealth Citizens	9. 7.1960	-	-
Mrs. D. Phillips	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Citizens	2. 7.1967	-	-
Mrs. M. V. Burgess	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Citizens	22. 6.1970	-	-
Address and Telephone Number of The Medical Officer of Health			Lewes 4282	The Grange, Southover, LEWES, Sussex.

## SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from:-	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports	1,863	1,903,744	2	112	-
Coastwise	779	196,791	-	9	-
Total	2,642	2,100,565	2	121	-

### SECTION III

## CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TRADE C

Total 592,654

Passenger Vessel Arrivals 1,279

Passenger Vessel Sailings 1,279

### PRINCIPAL EXPORTS

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PRINCIPAL EXPORTS (Continued)

															<u>TONS</u>
Non ferrous metals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	502
Manufactures of metals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,018
Machinery - non electric ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,873
Machinery - electric ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	159
Road Motor vehicles..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,288
Other road vehicles..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	306
Wood and cork ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Paper, paperboard, etc. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,556
Miscellaneous manufactured articles..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,849
Used containers..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,504
Live animals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130
														<b>Total</b>	<b>108,812</b>

PRINCIPAL IMPORTS

															<u>TONS</u>
Meat ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22,927
Dairy Products ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,253
Cereals unmilled ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	204
Cereals milled ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Fruit and vegetables ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196,396
Animal feeding stuffs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	503
Beverages ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31,466
Other foodstuffs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,750
Timber ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47,259
Textiles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	178
Clay and crude fertilizers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28,822
Animal & vegetable oils and fats ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,066
Crude rubber ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Hides, skins, undressed furs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	504
Coal, coke, etc. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,262
Petroleum products ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,215
Chemical fertilizers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	492
Other chemicals..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,595
Textile yarns ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,052
Non-metallic minerals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	413
Iron and steel ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	348
Non-ferrous metals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72
Manufacture of metals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	919
Machinery non-electric ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,442
Machinery electric ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,287
Road motor vehicles..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31,515
Other road vehicles..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108
Wood and cork ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Paper, paperboard, etc. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,927
Miscellaneous manufactured articles..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,167
Used containers..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	266
Live animals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79
Sand and gravel..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	533,643
Produce of the sea landed direct	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	298
														<b>Total</b>	<b>961,475</b>

Merchant seamen about to sail can be seen on any day except Fridays. In cases of emergency occurring on a Friday, Merchant seamen can attend Worthing General Hospital at 2 p.m. In-patient treatment is also arranged, if necessary, by the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

This information is made available by the Port Health Inspector on boarding ships.

### SECTION IX

#### CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

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Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Short account of measures taken on arrival by ships of (a) any cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever excluded in Table D (b) any suspected cases of such disease.

- (a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever, occurred on ships arriving during the year.
- (b) No suspected cases of such diseases occurred on ships arriving during the year.

### SECTION X

#### OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRANCE OF MALARIA ON SHIPS

No cases of malaria arrived at the port, nor did any vessel report a case of malaria during the voyage.

### SECTION XI

#### MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

No measures were taken as there were no ships infected with or suspected of plague.

## SECTION XII

### MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

#### 1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Where possible the Port Health Inspectors examine vessels for the presence of rats and particular attention is paid to ships arriving from foreign ports.

#### 2. Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year

Arrangements exist for the examination of rodents from ships when necessary at the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton.

No specimens were sent during 1973.

#### 3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor

The Port is a designated approved Port for the purpose.

Trapping, poisoning, and gassing are available. The contractors carrying out this work are Associated Fumigators Limited, Rat Souris Limited and Rentokil (Marine Division).

#### 4. Progress in the rat proofing of ships

Ships using the Port are mainly Cross Channel passenger and cargo vessels with a high degree of rat-proofing and little harbourage. Rat proofing is good in modern vessels.

If any excessive temporary harbourage is discovered, the Master is required to deal with same.

TABLE E

### RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black Rats	Nil
Brown Rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

### DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

H.C.N.	Other fumigant (State method)	After Trapping	After Poisoning	Total	Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	27	27

## Principal Ports from which Ships arrive

The regular trade of the port is with Dieppe. Vessels also arrive from the Northern French Ports, Germany, Holland, Scandinavia, and Portugal. As well, vessels have come from Sicily, The Canary Islands, The Ivory Coast, U.S.A., Cyprus, Spain, Greece, Israel, Surinam, Algeria, Argentina, Jamaica, Egypt and Brazil.

There were regular imports of bananas from Surinam and The Ivory Coast, frozen meat from the U.S.A., wine and timber for Leixoes in Portugal, wines from Cyprus, Spain and dried fruit from Turkey and tomatoes for the Canary Islands.

## SECTION IV

### INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

The port is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

## SECTION V

### WATER SUPPLY

1. No change.
2. 137 samples from British Railways well at Denton before chlorination and 45 samples from the mains supply to the East side of the Harbour after chlorination were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton by British Transport Commission. A number of samples of raw water were below standard but all chlorinated water was entirely satisfactory.

Two samples were taken from the "Senlac" and both were satisfactory.

3. No change.
4. No change.

## SECTION VI

### PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1966

1. No change.
2. No change.
3. Notification otherwise than by radio (Regulation 14 (1)(b))  
Arrangements for receiving notification otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon

Apart from the Health Department's office which is adjacent to the west side of the port, the Port Health Officers' accommodation is now contained in the new freight terminal. Both Port Health Inspectors have telephones installed at their homes and there is always one on call. H.M. Customs and the Harbour Authority co-operate readily in passing information.

4. No change.
5. Arrangements for (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious disease (other than Smallpox - see Section VIII).

Beds for cases of infectious disease are available at either the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton or the Brighton General Hospital.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts

No set routine has been laid down to deal with such contacts, but arrangements are made by the Medical Officer of Health in each case to ensure that the contact is warned to watch out for appropriate symptoms and, if necessary, to report to his own doctor. In appropriate cases the Medical Officer of Health of the District to which the person is proceeding is warned. In cases of serious risk, the contact can be kept under surveillance for a suitable period at either the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton or the Brighton General Hospital.

(c) No change.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.

No change.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crew.

No change.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E. H. Brown, Hither Green Hospital, Hither Green Lane, London, S.E.13.

Dr. E. O'Sullivan, "Ashton", Church Road, Dartford, Kent.

Dr. W. S. Parker, Royal York Buildings, Brighton.

4. Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox.

No change.

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASE

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among Merchant Seamen under International arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

The following details relate to the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen, in common with the local population.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton

Male

Mondays ..	..	..	..	3.30 p.m.	- 6.00 p.m.
Wednesdays ..	..	..	..	9.30 a.m.	- 12 noon
Thursdays ..	..	..	..	2.00 p.m.	- 4.00 p.m.

Female

Tuesdays ..	..	..	..	3.30 p.m.	- 5.30 p.m.
Thursdays ..	..	..	..	10.00 a.m.	- 12 noon

SECTION XIII

TABLE G

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Nature and number of inspections	Notices Served		Result of serving notice
	Statutory	Others	
Foreign going	112	Nil	5 Not known
Coastwise	9	Nil	Nil - - -
TOTAL	121	Nil	5 Not known

5 verbal notices were issued to cleanse galleys and holds and to treat one ship for cockroaches.

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH)

No change.

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Certificates of Appointment (at 31.12.73)

- (a) Dr. J. L. Cotton, Port Medical Officer of Health.
- (b) Dr. R. Alexander, Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health.
- (c) Dr. B. W. Barras.
- (d) Dr. G. N. Coad.
- (e) Dr. M. H. Draisey.

2. List of other staff engaged on this work

Mrs. A. E. Brown - Attendant  
Mrs. D. Phillips - Attendant  
Mrs. M. V. Burgess - Attendant

3. Organisation of work

A Medical Inspector attends the daily arrival of the late afternoon ferry and the duty doctor in Newhaven is available if required for any other arrival. However, this country's admission into the E.E.C. has led to a marked reduction in medical examinations from 250 in 1972 to 60 in 1973 and it is likely that this procedure will have to be reviewed. A Lady Attendant meets every boat and calls out the duty doctor if required.

4. Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic

Medical Examination of Aliens - Immigration Act 1971

- (i) Number of ships arriving carrying aliens - 3,064
- (ii) Total number of arriving aliens (excluding crews) - 97,897
- (iii) Total number of aliens refused permission to land - 58
- (iv) Total number of aliens medically examined - 60
- (v) Reports and Certificates for aliens medically examined:-

Nature of Report or Certificate	Total number of Reports & Certificates Issued	Passengers Refused leave to enter
A(1) Undesirable for medical reasons	4	4
A(2) (a) Inability to support (b) Likely to require medical treatment (c) Inability to support <u>and</u> likely to require medical treatment	- - 1	- - -
B Given leave to enter with requirement to submit to further examination	-	-
TOTALS	5	4

The annual number of inward aliens arriving at Newhaven from 1945 to 1973 are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>
1945	17,911	1960	40,440
1946	26,376	1961	44,610
1947	31,551	1962	46,558
1948	41,412	1963	68,207
1949	48,127	1964	75,684
1950	49,521	1965	59,404
1951	51,918	1966	63,569
1952	52,104	1967	65,241
1953	51,084	1968	68,843
1954	54,652	1969	76,608
1955	58,410	1970	84,020
1956	49,934	1971	81,593
1957	43,330	1972	90,019
1958	41,030	1973	97,897
1959	39,146		

5. Immigration Act, 1971

Medical Examination of Commonwealth Citizens

The arrangements regarding the arrival of vessels carrying Commonwealth Citizens are similar to those in respect of Aliens.

Medical examinations during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1973:-

- (i) Total number of arriving Commonwealth citizens subject to control under the Act. 5,699
- (ii) Total number of Commonwealth citizens refused permission to land. 23
- (iii) Total number of Commonwealth citizens medically examined. 2
- (iv) Reports and Certificates for Commonwealth citizens medically examined:-

Nature of Report or Certificate	Total number of Reports & Certificates Issued	Passengers Refused leave to enter
A(1) Undesirable for medical reasons	-	-
A(2) (a) Inability to support (b) Likely to require medical treatment (c) Inability to support <u>and</u> likely to require medical treatment	- - -	- - -
B Given leave to enter with requirement to submit to further examination	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The annual numbers of Commonwealth Citizens arriving at Newhaven from July, 1962, when the provisions of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, came into force, are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Commonwealth Citizens</u>
1962	4,004
1963	5,390
1964	5,070
1965	5,081
1966	5,738
1967	5,194
1968	4,582
1969	5,217
1970	5,460
1971	5,338
1972	6,399
1973	5,699

#### 6. Accommodation for Medical Inspection and Examination

As in previous years, most of the medical examinations were carried out on board the car ferries. This is not entirely satisfactory but avoids the problems of taking Aliens and Commonwealth Citizens, who in certain cases may be car drivers and passengers, to the medical inspection room and then back to the ship.

## SECTION XVI

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### 1. Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

The bodies of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease are normally removed to Brighton General Hospital or the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, where they would remain until burial or cremation. On two occasions in May, 1973, the body of a crew member who had died at sea on each occasion from a heart attack, was brought ashore for burial. All necessary arrangements for the disposal of both bodies were made by the local firm of shipping agents on behalf of the shipping lines concerned.

#### 2. Food Inspection. Imported Food Regulations, 1968

##### Report by the Port Health Inspector

###### (a) Ex Cross Channel Ferries

Importation of perishable foods continued to increase and it is estimated they were some 30% higher than the 1972 figure.

These covered a wide variety of fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy products.

301 lorries of fresh and frozen French beef and fresh veal were dealt with, most of which was imported during the last four months of the year.

7 containers of meat were re-exported for breaches of the Regulations or because the meat was unfit.

Routine sampling of beef and pâté produced no evidence of contamination with salmonella organisms.

Fruit, vegetables and dairy products were always of a high standard well packed and of good quality.

##### Inspections made of "roll-on - roll-off" Freight

###### Vegetables

Artichokes	2
Aubergines	2
Beans (Fresh)	43
Beans (Frozen)	18
Broccoli	5
Courgettes	11
Cucumbers	2
Cabbage	1
Cauliflower	8
Celery	30
Carrots	1
Onions	19
Peppers	3
Peas	1
Pimentos	1
Radishes	1
Spinach	2
Tomatoes	36

###### Fruit

Apples	52
Apricots	7
Bananas	1
Cherries	8
Grapefruit	2
Grapes	49
Lemons	2
Melons	23
Mandarines	8
Pears	2
Plums	17
Prunes	2
Peaches	31
Oranges	21
Strawberries	7
Satsumas	10

Dairy Products

Butter	3
Cheese	73
Eggs	6

Meat and Meat Products

Fresh Frozen Beef	50
Frozen French Beef	243
Fresh French Veal	8
French Sausages	7
French Pate*	33
Salami	2
Tinned Sausages	3
Hams	12

Miscellaneous

Maize	1
Chestnuts	1

Food Condemned

783 cartons of grapes.. .. .. ..	mould and fermentation
2 Cartons of frozen beef .. .. ..	putrefaction
1 tin of ham .. .. .. ..	leaking tin
1 part load of French beef .. ..	unfit

(b) East Quay

Imports at East Quay comprised mainly tomatoes, potatoes, bananas, citrus fruit and frozen meat offal. Also discharged were cargoes of tea and dried fruits from Turkey.

The level of imports remained much the same as in 1972.

An additional shed and lean-to canopy are under construction to provide extra storage space and a quicker "turn round" of vessels.

CommodityNumber of Boats

Bananas.. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	57
Citrus Fruit .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	21
Grapes .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	5
Meat .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	33
Onions .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	3
Orange Juice .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	2
Potatoes .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	19
Tea.. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	1
Tomatoes .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	8
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A number of mixed cargoes were described as "general" and contained miscellaneous items of food.

24 bulk wine ships discharged consignments of sherry, port and dubonnet at Berry's Wine Store, East Quay.

Inspection of Food at East Quay

Citrus Fruit..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Meat..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Tomatoes..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Bananas ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Butter ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Oranges ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Potatoes..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Mixed Vegetables..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Carrots ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pineapples ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Onions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Grapes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Melons ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tinned Milk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Cucumbers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sultanas..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Currants..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Figs..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Apricots..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Corned Beef ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

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Cargoes were mostly in excellent condition. The chief defects leading to condemnations were poor stowage, crushed and wet cargoes through rough passages, refrigeration breakdowns and loading of cargoes in a wet condition.

The following items were condemned:-

127 boxes of tomatoes  
 373 cartons of lemons  
 80 bags of onions  
 56 trays of grapes  
 69 cartons of grapefruit  
 233 boxes of oranges  
 1,751 bags of potatoes  
 3,924 nets of carrots  
 315 cartons of beef tongues  
 92 cartons of lambs livers  
 181 cartons of beef kidneys  
 74 cartons of Australian mutton

Food Sampling

39 samples were taken as follows:-

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Analyst's Report</u>
1 figs (for preservation)	Satisfactory
1 apricots (for preservation)	Satisfactory
1 apples (for pesticides)	Slight trace
1 French meat (for identification)	Identified as beef

Bacteriological

2 Argentinian corned beef	No salmonella organisms isolated
3 U.S.A. beef kidneys	No salmonella organisms isolated
1 U.S.A. beef liver	No salmonella organisms isolated
1 U.S.A. lambs liver	No salmonella organisms isolated
2 vacuum packed French beef	No salmonella organisms isolated
1 U.S.A. oxtail	No salmonella organisms isolated
4 chilled French beef	No salmonella organisms isolated
20 boneless frozen French beef	No salmonella organisms isolated
1 French pate	No salmonella organisms isolated

Generally

Port Health duty involved the inspectorate in 308 hours overtime. An inspector is available at all times to deal with arrivals of imported foods and for health clearance of vessels arriving from infected areas.

Mr. R. Plummer, Public Health Inspector, Brighton County Borough Council, assisted with port health duties every third weekend, and I am grateful to him for his valuable assistance.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC 1973

INCOMING

MONTH	ALIEN	BRITISH	COMMONWEALTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	2,487	2,224	168	4,879
FEBRUARY	2,666	1,989	93	4,748
MARCH	2,120	4,194	164	6,478
APRIL	9,674	16,716	365	26,755
MAY	4,692	10,125	364	15,181
JUNE	7,679	21,896	490	30,065
JULY	26,580	34,811	926	62,317
AUGUST	22,261	55,034	1,655	78,950
SEPTEMBER	8,748	35,850	859	45,457
OCTOBER	4,364	9,295	265	13,924
NOVEMBER	3,106	3,397	181	6,684
DECEMBER	3,520	2,669	169	6,358
TOTALS	97,897	198,200	5,699	301,796

OUTGOING

JANUARY	2,427	1,634	181	4,242
FEBRUARY	2,257	1,687	120	4,064
MARCH	2,182	4,280	186	6,648
APRIL	9,174	16,183	612	25,969
MAY	4,337	14,887	602	19,826
JUNE	7,589	20,388	686	28,663
JULY	24,636	50,329	1,735	76,700
AUGUST	26,356	45,823	1,927	74,106
SEPTEMBER	9,940	19,320	830	30,090
OCTOBER	3,267	5,820	227	9,314
NOVEMBER	3,370	2,169	115	5,654
DECEMBER	3,318	2,112	152	5,582
TOTALS	98,853	184,632	7,373	290,858



